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ATLANTA, GA — The Southeast’s most accomplished voices in television and media will take center stage as the **52nd Annual Southeast EMMY® Awards** returns on **Saturday, May 16, 2026**, at the prestigious Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead.

Hosted by the Southeast Chapter of National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, the highly anticipated ceremony will convene leading journalists, producers, storytellers, and creatives from across Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Asheville, North Carolina for an evening dedicated to excellence in television and digital media.

Following the official nominee announcement in April, this year’s contenders reflect the depth, innovation, and impact of storytelling across the region. The evening will feature a red carpet reception, formal gala dinner, and the presentation of the coveted EMMY® statuettes, honoring those whose work continues to inform, inspire, and shape cultural conversation.

“Each year, we gather to celebrate the very best of our industry and the professionals who elevate storytelling across the Southeast,” said Evelyn Mims, President of the Southeast Chapter of NATAS. “These awards represent not only excellence in craft, but the powerful role media plays in connecting and serving our communities.”

The ceremony will be hosted by Robert Christopher Riley, best known for his five-year portrayal of Michael Culhane on the hit series *Dynasty*. He currently stars as Javon Holliday in Tyler Perry’s *Divorced Sistas* and Carlton Fitzgerald in *Beyond the Gates* on CBS. A Brooklyn native with Trinidadian and Barbadian roots, Riley is a classically trained actor with degrees from Lehigh University and Ohio University. His career spans Broadway, television, and film, with notable appearances in *Hit the Floor*, *Greenleaf*, and *The Bourne Legacy*, establishing him as a dynamic and versatile presence across the entertainment industry.

For additional event details and to view the full list of 2026 nominees, visit southeastemmy.com.

About The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Southeast Chapter

The Southeast Chapter of NATAS is dedicated to advancing excellence in the television industry by recognizing outstanding achievements, supporting professional growth, and celebrating leadership across both creative and technical disciplines.

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